

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("———") or brackets ("[[]]"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said method comprising:

creating at the designer location a digital file that represents an image to be printed;

receiving at the designer location from the print service provider location real time configuration information regarding a print production device at the print service provider location;

creating a press-ready file at the designer location relative to the received configuration information a high performance file using updated device configuration information from the print service provider location by encapsulating a plurality of files associated with a print job created at the designer location, the plurality of files including the digital file that represents the image to be printed and a file that includes print job processing instructions;

submitting said press-ready file the high performance file from the designer location to the print service provider location via an electronic network; and

performing at the print service provider location at least one of automated printing, finishing, packaging, and shipping ~~using said press-ready file~~ relative to the instructions contained in the high performance file.

2. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, ~~wherein after said step of submitting, said method further comprises a step of verifying, at said~~ further comprising verifying at the print service provider location, ~~that said press-ready~~ that the digital file will be produced ~~at said print service provider location as designed at the designer location~~ as indicated by the high performance file and, if not, correcting ~~said press-ready file~~ the high performance file to ensure production substantially as designed.

3. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, ~~wherein in said step of creating a press-ready file at the designer location, said plurality of encapsulated files~~ the digital file includes ~~a file created by the designer~~ containing the substance of the print job and the corresponding images and fonts.

4. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, ~~wherein in said step of creating a press-ready file at the designer location, said~~ the plurality of encapsulated files includes a job ticket that contains instructions regarding each stage of processing for the print job.

5. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein ~~in said step of creating a press ready file at the designer location, said~~ the plurality of encapsulated files includes a remote proof file that reflects the format that the final output of the print job should comprise.

6. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein ~~in said step of creating a press ready file at the designer location, said~~ the plurality of encapsulated files includes an imposition information file that contains instructions regarding arrangement and spacing of the image to be printed on print media to be used in completing the print job.

7. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 4 ~~6~~, wherein ~~in said step of creating a press ready file at the designer location, said~~ the plurality of encapsulated files includes an imposition proof in electronic form that illustrates the arrangement and spacing.

8. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein ~~said step of creating a press ready file at the designer location further comprises further comprising performing at the designer location~~ automated remote finishing setup ~~of said press ready file to remotely select the desired finishing options for said press ready file when printed at said print service provider location and to prepare finishing instructions to effect the same,~~ and wherein said the plurality of encapsulated files includes said the finishing instructions.

9. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein ~~in said step of creating a press-ready file at the designer location, said the~~ plurality of encapsulated files includes an electronic image of a finishing mock-up of the image to be printed.

10. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein ~~said step of creating a press-ready file at the designer location further comprises~~ further comprising performing at the designer location automated remote packaging setup ~~of said press-ready file to remotely select the desired packaging options for said press-ready file when printed at said print service provider location and to prepare packaging instructions to effect the same,~~ and wherein ~~said the~~ plurality of encapsulated files includes ~~said the~~ packaging instructions.

11. (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein ~~said step of creating a press-ready file at the designer location further comprises~~ further comprising performing at the designer location automated remote shipping setup ~~of said press-ready file to remotely select the desired shipping options for said press-ready file when printed at said print service provider location and to prepare shipping instructions to effect the same,~~ and wherein ~~said the~~ plurality of encapsulated files includes ~~said the~~ shipping instructions.

12-23. (Canceled)

24. (New) A system for managing workflow in a commercial printing environment, said system comprising:

a designer location configured to:

create a digital file that represents an image to be printed,

receive from the print service provider location real time configuration information regarding a print production device at the print service provider location,

create relative to the received configuration information a high performance file that encapsulates a plurality of files associated with a print job created at the designer location, the plurality of files including the digital file that represents the image to be printed and a file that includes print job processing instructions, and

submit the high performance file to the print service provider location via an electronic network; and

a print service provider location configured to perform at least one of automated printing, finishing, packaging, and shipping relative to the instructions contained in the high performance file.

25. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 24, wherein the print service provider location is further configured to verify that the digital file will be produced as indicated by the high performance file and, if not, correct the high performance file to ensure production substantially as designed.

26. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 24, wherein the digital file includes the substance of the print job and the corresponding images and fonts.

27. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 24, wherein the plurality of files includes a job ticket that contains instructions regarding each stage of processing for the print job.

28. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 24, wherein the plurality of files includes a remote proof file that reflects the format that the final output of the print job should comprise.

29. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 24, wherein the plurality of files includes an imposition information file that contains instructions regarding arrangement and spacing of the image to be printed on print media to be used in completing the print job.

30. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 29, wherein the plurality of files includes an imposition proof in electronic form that illustrates the arrangement and spacing.

31. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 24, wherein the designer location is further configured to perform automated remote finishing setup to remotely select the desired finishing options and to prepare finishing instructions to effect the same, and wherein the plurality of files includes the finishing instructions.

32. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 24, wherein the plurality of files includes an electronic image of a finishing mock-up of the image to be printed.

33. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 24, wherein the designer location is further configured to perform automated remote packaging setup to remotely select the desired packaging options and to prepare packaging instructions to effect the same, and wherein the plurality of files includes the packaging instructions.

34. (New) A system for managing workflow according to claim 24, wherein the designer location is further configured to perform automated remote shipping setup to remotely select the desired shipping options and to prepare shipping instructions to effect the same, and wherein the plurality of files includes the shipping instructions.